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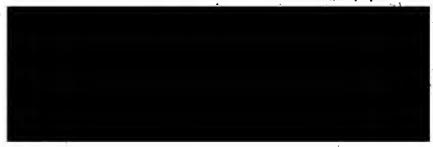


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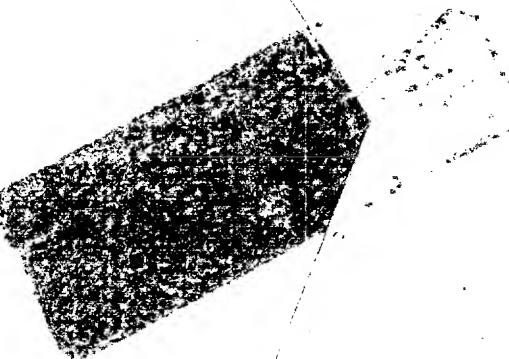
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CONFIDENTIAL**"Rizospastis", KKE Newspaper****PROLETARIANS OF ALL THE WORLD, UNITE!****ATHENS****FRIDAY, 4 August 1950****THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR****R I Z O S P A S T I S****Journal of the Central Committee of the New Series—No. 35 (10.025
Communist Party of Greece****PRICE - 500 Drachmas****MONARCHO-FASCIST "STRAIGHT LINE" AND DEMOCRATIC CAMP**

The "Straight line" which has been begun by the slaves who represent the Greek Government is continuing. They have made a WAR STRAIGHT LINE which means the unleashing of an unbridled war hysteria, 500,000 troops, new American scrap iron, new useless obsolete ships, sirens, bomb shelters, and volunteers for Korea of the type of Sourlas and Co. At the same time the ECONOMIC STRAIGHT LINE is being drawn with starvation salaries and wages, with new taxes and robberies, with high prices and ghosts of the black market. At the same time there is carried out the STOOL-PIGEON STRAIGHT LINE with a new wage of terrorism, with new Makronisos in Ai-Strati Trikeri, and with the "purge operations" of the arch-stool-pigeon Paptzis against the cripples, the consumptives, the insane of Makronisos and those who have signed "declarations". Finally they are striving to achieve the STRAIGHT LINE OF FOREIGN POLICY which means the creation of the Athens-Belgrade axis and its transformation into the triangle of Greece, Yugoslavia, and Turkey. Besides these "straight lines" the so-called Prime Minister of the "straight line" Plastiras is also being put on the straight line. In 1945 he was a Kaffir with an English trademark. Nowhe has been straight lined into a Kaffir of American trademark, three times worse than the first.

Against this monarcho-fascist, criminal, anti-people, and anti-national straight line, the democratic camp is compelled to draw up the United National People's Front of the struggle for peace, bread, and Democracy. Without hesitation and wavering every democrat, every fighter for the people, in the present moments which are critical for our country believes that he ought to do his duty with the greatest consistency and decisiveness. Every honest democratic leader believes also that the time is not at all suitable for personal ambitions, for petty bargaining, for deals. All must open their ears better, more attentively to the divisive song of some Sirens (often with foreign tongues) who surround them. Just as ther is no room for doubt about our own struggle. so there should be no room for any doubt about our

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victory, however difficult this struggle may be. Today for the same great ideals of liberty, peace, independence, tens of thousands of millions of men are striving. The appeal for peace has been signed so far by 270 millions. At the head of the fight is found the all-powerful Soviet Union and the wise Stalin, great friends and guides of the peoples, indubitable guarantees of final victory.

If, then, to the monarcho-fascist straight line we oppose the all people's pandemocratic unity and action, then the plans of the foreign and local criminals will be foiled. All people's unity and action means daily, unwearied, insistent, careful work in life, in deed, against the war preparations and war hysteria, against the Athens-Belgrade axis, against hunger and the black market, against the sharks of plutocracy. It means a consistent struggle against terrorism, for the realization of the people's unity. It means daily enlightenment of the people on the role of Americanocracy in Greece and a merciless exposure of it. It means a systematic enlightenment of the infantry and of every recruit on his duty and his work in the army today and tomorrow, if the mad war mongers light new fires.

Today more than at any other time each man is being tested and judged by his work and not by his words. Whoever believes that he is a child of the people and of Greece, who does not want war and hunger, regardless of the party or group to which he belongs, he must give a hand and fight. From one end of Greece to the other let these slogans re-echo:

- No war!
- No hunger and exploitation!
- No hatred and terrorism!

If we all fight together to make these slogans fact, then the victory will be on the side of the working people. Then it will really mean for Greece the hour of a better tomorrow.

ANSWERS TO LETTERS

Often letters come to us from fighters who have been cut off, from whole groups that have been cut off and who are located in all the edges of Greece—even in Athens and Piraeus. All these comrades are trying to insure their contact and are asking us what they should do in the meantime. Here is one letter which we received day before yesterday:

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Dear comrades,

We are a group that worked in.....For reasons which you know we have lost our contact for a considerable period of time. Now we are trying to recover a steady contact with you, and we are asking you to help us in our work so that time will not be lost.

Yours etc.
P. H.

Certainly time ought not to be lost, and there would be no time lost in the intervening time after they were cut off, if each of those cut off had more initiative. Today initiative is one of the principal characteristics by which the fighter is recognised.

What, then, should they have done and what should each individual and each group do from now on when cut off?

I. They should know well the political line of the Party. They will achieve this by listening regularly to the broadcasts of Free Greece. Special attention should be given to the principal comments of the station, to the broadcasts at dictation speed, and to the school of the fighter which is transmitted every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. One will also get our line if he reads carefully "Rizo", "Adouloti Athina", etc. If you yourself cannot listen regularly, you should have somebody else listen and keep notes, and in this way you will be kept informed. The best thing is to save money somehow and buy a radio, and let the one who has the best opportunity take down the broadcasts. He can reproduce the most important in carbon copy and you can study them.

II. It is not enough, however, for you to know the political line of the Party, nor merely for you to spread it by propaganda. Words are not enough. Practical work is required. You need to sit and think, to torture your brain: How will you do a deed? how will you bring the Party line to life? When you have thought and have solved this problem, then you must guide yourself and work, taking severe measures. If you belong to an organisation, office, etc., you will be active for your demands. You will organize and will divide the work among friends and acquaintances whom you know very well. If your profession is more suitable for work in the local community, then you will organize enlightenment and the rousing of the people on each problem which interests them. On the basis of this mass work, everywhere and at all times, forge the unity of the people. If you are in the Army or are going into the Army, or if you have soldier friends that you can trust, help in the struggle for peace in the Army, in the war against war. Help

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in every way in the creation of a strong organization in your sector. Give every possible assistance to the persecuted.

Only the, when everywhere and always you apply the Party line to your acts, to your life, are you a worthy fighter, a worthy member of the heroic KKE, and it does not matter if temporarily you lose contact. Both those of us who are in contact and those of us who are cut off are fighting for the same purpose. Every evening each consistent fighter should ask himself, "Did I do what could be done? Have I omitted anything? What errors did I commit?" The next day he should begin his work with greater drive and experience.

Finally both those who are in contact and those who are cut off should remember that there is no justification for what they say sometimes: "You know that I did not decide to do this or that work for fear of making a mistake." These are false justifications. It is better to do five jobs even if one or two are wrong than to fold your hands and do nothing. Then you are all one enormous mistake. Anybody who works will make mistakes. Only he who does not work and the ... Pope are infallible. So from the moment that the line is given to us, it is in our hands to apply it—each one wherever he is.

This is what we had to answer to all the comrades and friends who send us notes and ask us what to do.

THE FRUITS OF WAR HYSTERIA

The monarcho-fascist are purposely cultivating war hysteria with the purpose, first of enticing, as they believe, the people into the slaughterhouse which the Americans are getting ready, and second to justify the new wave of terrorism which they have unleashed. The wolf delights in uproar. And the arch-murderer Papamfilos, the Li-Sin-Man of Greece, is rubbing his hands, because he thought that the time had come to plunge them again into blood. Likewise the plutocrats, the exploiters, and the big black market operators are rubbing their hands; for them the blood and hunger of the people become gold which runs into their coffers. Another reason why they are stimulating war hysteria is to frighten the rightists and to entice them into the persecutions which they are organizing against democratic citizens.

The fruits of war hysteria, however, are not sweet for the monarcho-fascists. The people in every way are showing their desire to fight against the warmongers, against the Athens-Belgrade axis. To the attack of plutocracy and to the wave of high

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prices the workers have answered with a wave of strikes for bread and for their lives. As for the effort which the murderers are making to terrorize the rightest citizens and to turn them against us, even here they will break their faces if every fighter, every democrat, does his duty. What should be done?

The murderers of the people are trying to terrorize the rightists, telling them that when war breaks out and the "Reds" come they will kill them. Here there is required on our part persistent daily enlightenment. First of all we do not want war. We want peace. We are fighting with all our forces against the warmongers. And in this fight they have every interest in uniting all the workers, all the people, rightists and leftists. Thus the criminal work of Truman-Churchill and Co. will be made more difficult.

Nevertheless the maddened criminals, the billionaires of America, England, etc. see in war a way out of the crisis, an inexhaustible source of profits. For this reason they are striving to unleash war somehow. But then so much the worse for them. Comander Malinkov--Vice President of the Soviet Government--in his speech on the anniversary of the October Revolution said the following: IF THE FIRST WORLD WAR BROUGHT TO THE WORLD THE SOVIET UNION, AND THE SECOND BROUGHT THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES TO EUROPE AND CHINA, NO ONE SHOULD DOUBT THAT A THIRD WORLD WAR WILL MEAN THE END OF THE WHOLE CAPITALIST WORLD.

If, then, the Americans unleash the new war, then Bodossakis and Vlachos can get their valises ready,--but the ordinary rightist, the one who voted for Tsaldaris or believed in the King, what has he to fear? What have we to face together? We are all workers, the people. Together we long for peace; together we shall fight against war; together we must create and must live in the new happy Greece. Why, then, should we be divided. Why should we have enmity between us?

Every fighter, every democrat, should use every means to develop an intensive enlightenment work among all those whom the arch-criminals are trying to mislead against us. On the basis of the struggle for peace, against war, we must tighten, broaden, and deepen the unity of the people and their reconciliation.

—Leftists and rightists, shake hands and fight for peace, for Greece, for our homes.

—We must not allow the butchers to bury Greece in a new war!

—If they dare to unleash war, we must make it the grave of all the exploiters, the bandits, the maneaters.

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PATRIOT MEN AND WOMEN, LEFTISTS AND RIGHTS

OVER GREECE HOVERS THE FEARFUL THREAT OF WAR AND STARVATION,
OF AMERICANOCRACY! IF WE FIGHT ALL UNITED, WE CAN WIN PEACE
AND OUR BREAD!

LET US COLLECT TENS AND HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS
OF SIGNATURES

Although so far in Athens alone thousands of signatures have been gathered under the Stockholm appeal, we should not be satisfied with our work up to now. The potentialities are much greater. All the people hate war. All condemn the use of the atom bomb. All agree to sign. It is sufficient for the fighters for peace to find the proper way to approach them and speak to them. In friendly visits, on excursions, in the office, in the neighborhood, in the factory, everywhere we must develop a wide-read rivalry in the collection of signatures. The thousands which have been collected so far must become tens and hundreds of thousands. From one end of Greece to the other men and women, old men and young, must by their signatures express the demand and decision of all the people:

—Do not transform Greece into ruins!

—No more crosses!

THE WORLD THAT IS DYING

Sometimes the sewer breaks and the stench of corruption and sensuality of the present stinking regime is hopelessly released making every honest man spit and gag. The young KHites Alibaroutis went to rob a lawyer in Piraeus and wounded him with the pistol, which had been supplied to him by the KHites and the Security Police. From the investigation it was discovered that Alibaroutis was a satanite and has as "lovers" various KHites who were arrested. Among them is the ... archimandrite of the Naval Base, Valissarios Damaskinos! Efforts are being made to cover up the scandal.

Another: A stool-pigeon of the 13th Precinct of the Security Police went with his friends to various bars and afterwards killed Professor Blomenos in order to rob him. And they are going to cover that up.

It is also known to everybody that in Athens-Piraeus and elsewhere there are many secret centers of corruption and orgies in operation, and that there are secret cardplaying clubs. All these are run by men of the Populist Party, of Zervas, Kanellopoulos, etc., and KHites with the blessings and the bribing of the Security Police, of course.

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Moreover, no measure is taken against the distribution of narcotics which has reached terrifying proportions, because they want the workers to be stupefied and their will and drive for fighting to be emasculated.

Every honest man, particularly the young man, ought to strive against the corruption and the degeneration of the world which is dying and is poisoning all of society. To the rottenness, the stench, and corruption we must oppose healthy and strong principles for life, the higher ideals of the new world which is being born.

THE CAUSE OF PEACE IS THE CAUSE OF EVERY WOMANAPPEAL TO THE WOMEN OF ATHENS

The danger of war which threatens the whole of mankind can not fail to rouse every woman. The echo of the bombs which are striking the people of Korea, the cry of the mother who is losing her child, of the wife who is losing her husband, reach here alive. The threat of the most frightful weapon of mass destruction, the atomic bomb, threatens all the peoples of the world alike. The alliance of the government of Athens with Tito, which the Americans are going to complete quickly, is putting our country in the front line of danger, when once the imperialists make it the war base in order to strike the neighboring democracies.

Women of Athens,

Peace can be won; war can be averted. It is only necessary that we all fight with all our might to foil the plans of the warmongers. We can win the battle for peace. But in it we women must stand in the front line. Because we do not want to hand over our cottage to the flames of war disaster. Because we are not raising our children as fodder for the American cannons. Because we believe that the cause of peace is first of all the cause of every woman wherever she may be, to whatever class she may belong, whatever political ideas she may have.

Women of Athens,

Stand forth in the battle for peace. In groups sign the Stockholm Proclamation. Every one of us must regard as a question of honor the collection of signatures for the Proclamation. Decisively oppose the formation of the Athens-Belgrade axis and every other war preparation. Declare your decision not to allow your men, your brothers, to be sent to the slaughterhouse for the interests of foreign imperialists. Show that your decision to protect the peace unites all of you in an all-powerful front.

Athens, 2 August 1950

COMMITTEE OF WOMEN FOR PEACE

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RAN and SAN, the militaristic gangs of Ventiris, Papagos, and Glucksburg have again come to the front of the stage, and now they are openly trying to impose the dictatorship of Papagos. Behind this conspiracy are the common swindlers like Markezinis, unsuccessful diplomatic personalities like Pipinelis, and all the political riffraff of our country. The drawing together of the forces of the people and their unflagging fight for bread, liberty, and peace has all the strength to foil the criminal plans of this cabal.

THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES

The Plastiras-Papatzis Government by the new pay scale is trying to break the unity of the government employees, dividing them into "millionaires" or employee aristocracy and the "poor". As colleague in this attempt they have found the traitors of the ADEDY! The government employees, however, will continue their struggle with decisiveness and will win.

LESSONS FROM THE STRIKES

Recently branch strikes have become more and more frequent. The black press, inspired by the General Staff and the Security Police, connects them with the Communists, as if the Communists were responsible for the fact that the workers are starving and are striking. They are playing dumb, and supposedly do not understand that the more the plutocracy and the exploiters' state pillage the workers, the more strikes increase and the fight of the united people for the lives and the lives of their children increases.

What must be guarded against, however, especially in the strikes is the tactic of the exploiters and the pseudo-democratic government. When they do not succeed in blocking the strike by the strike-breakers of Makris and Stratis and by the terrorism of the Security Police, then they undertake to bend the strikers with hunger. On instructions of the American occupying forces they refuse to accept the demands of the strikers, they mock them and wait until hunger compells them to return to work. Then they make an effort to dismiss the strike committee and whatever workers fought consistently during the period of the strike.

All honest workers should study this tactic and take analogous measures to face them. Some branches by mass meetings in the Ministry of Labor have found a solution. Others by continuous 24-hour strikes or work-stoppages have also attained satisfactory results. Also all the branches must develop more broadly the movement of mutual aid in each branch which is on strike. This mutual aid must be manifested practically and in many ways.

—Each struggle must end in victory!

—We must not allow the exploiters to trample our dead bodies!

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THE NOOSE FOR THE BLACK MARKETEERS

Who is creating the black market? What is sugar being hidden today, yesterday macaroni, tomorrow rice, and something else the day after? These chiefly responsible are not the poor shopkeepers, and the people ought not to regard them as the creators of the black market. The high prices, the shortage of foodstuffs, and the black market are the creation of the thieves, the swindlers, the conscienceless robbers and extortioners who hold the responsible positions in the various ministries. In cooperation with the Americans they are creating an artificial shortage every so often in various articles in order to make huge profits by their operations. Everybody knows that all the Americans have gained enormous wealth by their black marketing, and with them all their collaborators in various ministries, and with them first and foremost all the ministries of Americanocracy.

The workers in the first line of their demands must place the crushing of the black market.

The hangman's noose for the black marketeers, "American" Ministers, all the Government swindlers, and the great black market exploiters.

THE COMBINATION OF LAWFUL WORK WITH ILLEGAL WORK

A revolutionary party does not know only the technique of attack. It must also have the mastery of retreat, of withdrawal where necessary sometimes in order to organize our forces and resume the offensive. We must say that often the technique of retreat is more difficult than the technique of attack.

In order to achieve a regular retreat and to create in this way the prerequisites for counterattack you must know how to combine soundly lawful with illegal activity. The Bolsheviks were masters in this field. The experience of our Party, both positive and negative, is rich in any case.

Today every fighter will note successes in his work only if he succeeds in combining alertly illegal with lawful activity. Here every fighter and the officials must be very attentive, because all of us are tinged with the routine which prevails in our organizational work, and we do not understand how to modify, do not perceive that we must abandon the wain and take to the airplane. If you like, a recent negative example: A fighter was assigned the task of guidance in a sector where there was both illegal and lawful work. His first activity was to mix the two kinds of work together.

We insert here some rules for the relationship between lawful and illegal work:

- (1) Basis and foundation should be the illegal organization

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supported and strictly brought up in accordance with the canons of conspiratorial technique and internal security.

(2) We must study carefully all the existing lawful potentialities, if you want us to create them and to exploit them.

(3) There must be a strict and radical separation of lawful and illegal work.

(4) There must be at the same time a united coordinated guidance. Lawful work is given instructions by the illegal leadership.

(5) Good contact between illegal leadership and lawful members.

(6) Illegal and lawful work form a united whole and pursue the same end.

(7) One-sided illegal work leads to separatism, to isolation from the people. Also lawful work by itself leads to opportunism and to compromise. The good combination of lawful with illegal work assures the sound application of our line.

Everyone must study these rules and with a plan worked out practically and concretely, finding altogether new methods to apply them to the sector in which he works.

ISOLATE AND CRUSH THE ANTI-LEADERSHIP STOOL-PIGEONS

The fighters who are located in the prisons and camps must be on the alert against the most dastardly and dishonorable enemy who is active in their midst, who does the greatest harm in their ranks, and to whose activity is due most of the "declarations": namely, the agents of the Security Police who do anti-leadership work. The stool-pigeons are camouflaging their work wonderfully well. They pretend to be honest fighters who are remaining steadfast in the principles of Communism, who, however, are "outraged" at the mistakes of certain officials and cannot help criticizing them. They magnify the lapses of certain members who are in the prisons and the camps; they talk about the bad behavior and about the mistakes of officials, and when such exist they distort and strain the words and activities of these officers. After they make some headway in their criticism of the leadership they give an anti-Party explanation to everything. The only purpose is to sow disillusionment, defeatism, and panic in the ranks of the fighters.

The Security Police utilize them in the most effective way for their own purpose. They transfer them from one prison to

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another or from one camp to another, ostensibly as a punishment, but in reality so they can do their dastardly work everywhere and betray the names of the leading members and anything else that comes to their attention. We know the name of many such agents, and if they do not stop their dishonest work, we shall turn them over to the contempt and revenge of the Greek people.

The imprisoned and exiled fighters should keep their eyes open, should uncover and expose the stool-pigeons, both men and women, who are active as camouflaged opponents of the leadership. They should crush them like worms and should isolate them like lepers from the mass of the prisoners.

FRIEND AND FELLOW-FIGHTER!

As soon as you read "Rizo" give it to somebody else and he to still another until it is in tatters and cannot be read.

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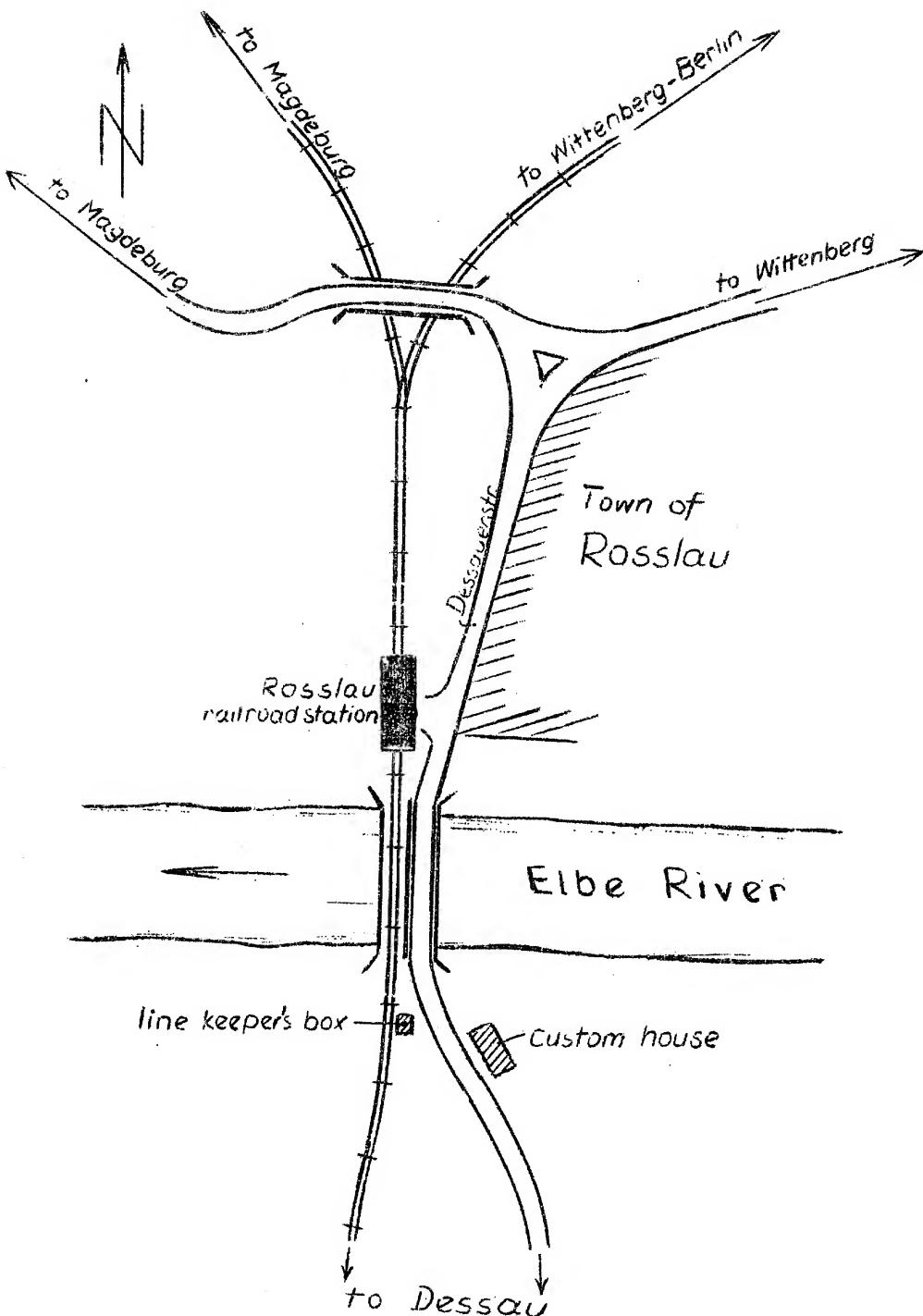
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4 Annexes : 1. 1 photostat.
 2. 1 sketch on ditto: Railroad bridge across the Elbe River near Dessau-Rosslau.
 3. 1 sketch on ditto: Railroad bridge system between Dessau and Rosslau.
 4. 1 photograph

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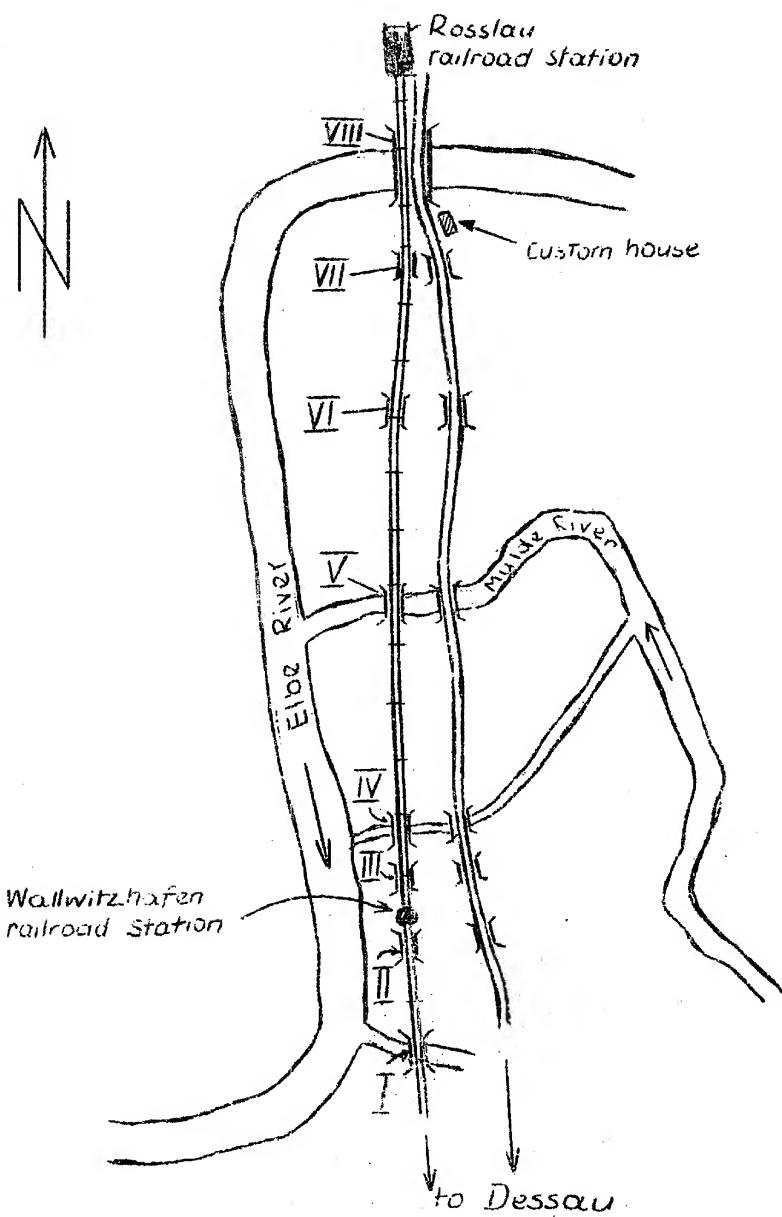
Railroad Bridge across the Elbe River near
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Railroad Bridge System between Dessau and Rosslau.



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Annex 3

Legend to Annex 3

Bridge I : "Wallwitzhafen" (Wallwitz harbor) about 2.3 km north of the main station in Dessau.

Length of bridge : about 80 meters

Width : about 3 meters (double track)

Number of piers : 5 (brick and square stone) war damage on the piers has been repaired.

Bridge II : "1. Flutbruecke Wallwitzhafen" (first river bridge)

Location: 200 meters north of brige I

Length of bridge: 60 meters

Width : about 3 meters (double track)

Number of piers: 4 (brick and square stone)

The bridge is undamaged.

Bridge III: "2. Flutbruecke Wallwitzhafen" (second river bridge)

Location: 100 meters north of Bridge II

Length of bridge : 60 to 65 meters

Width: about 3 meters (double track)

Number of piers : 4

The bridge is undamaged.

Bridge IV : "Prinzenbruecke"

Location: 50 meters north of Bridge III

Length : 70 meters

Width : about 3 meters (double track)

Height above water level: about 9 meters

Number of piers : 4 (brick and square stone)

War damage on the piers has been repaired.

Bridge V : "Muldebruecke" (bridge across Mulde River)

Location : 600 meters north of Bridge IV

Length : about 30 to 35 meters

Width: about 3 meters (double track)

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Height above water level: 10 meters

Number of piers : 5 (brick and square stone)

War damage has been repaired.

Bridge VI : "Flutbruecke 1, Llbzollhaus"

Location: 450 meters north of bridge V

Length : about 70 meters

Width : 8 meters (double track)

Number of piers : 4

Undamaged.

Bridge VII : "Flutbruecke 2, Llbzollbruecke"

Location : 300 meters north of bridge VI

Length : 35 meters

Width : 8 meters (double track)

Undamaged. The bridge is supported by two brick piers.

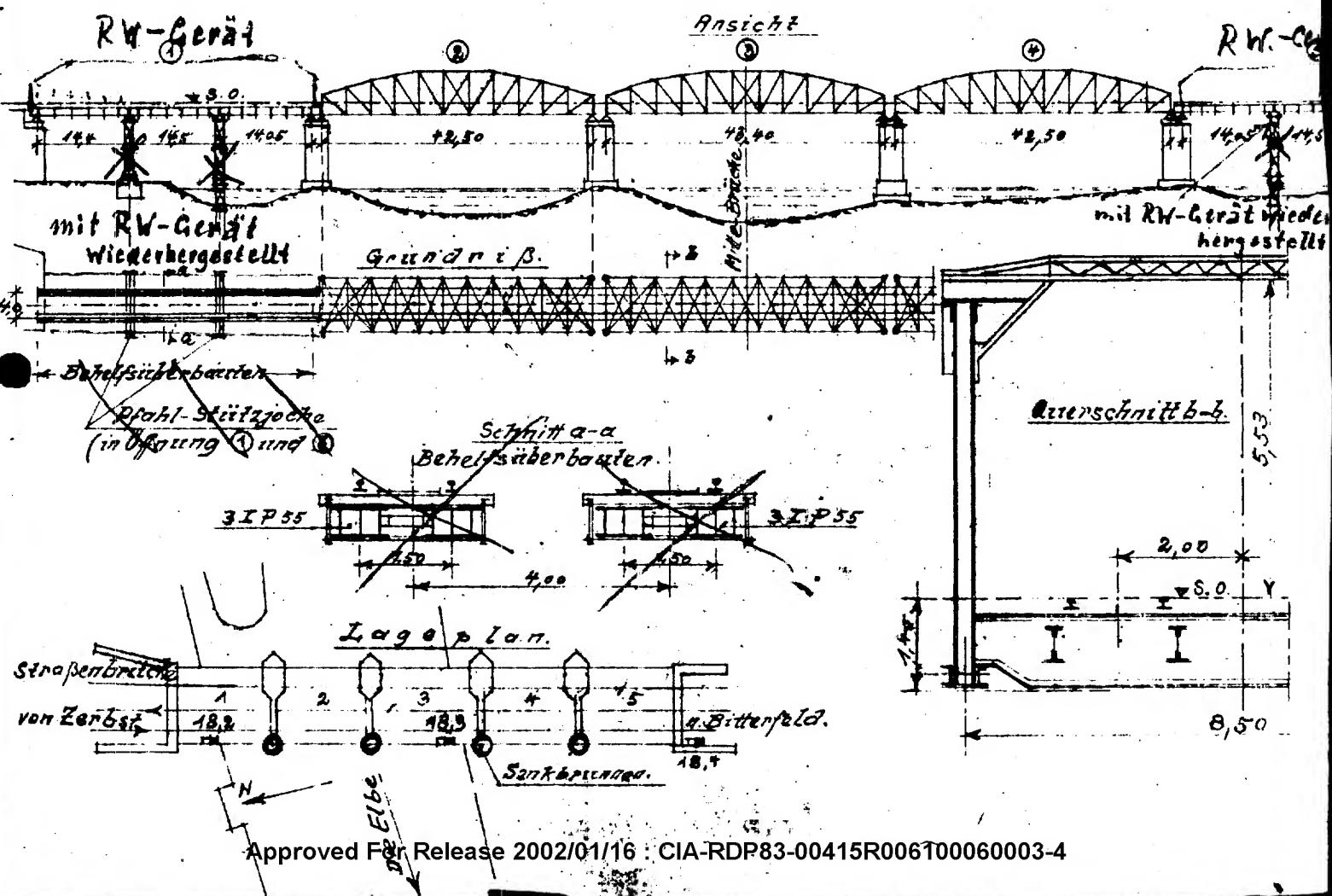
Bridge VIII: "Elbebruecke b. Rosslau" (Bridge across Elbe River near Rosslau)

Location: 150 meters north of bridge VII

For details see report.

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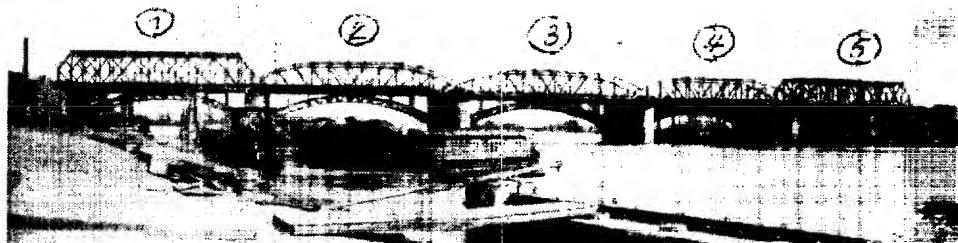


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Railroad Bridge
across the Elbe
River at Dessau-
Rosslau after re-
construction
(in the back ground
the Road Bridge
after its recon-
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